

U.S. Application No. 10/805,869
AMENDMENT

REMARKS

Applicants submit that the present claims define an invention that is patentable over the prior art.

Claims 24-43 are new and pending. Claims 1-23 are canceled. Claims 24, 31 and 41 are independent.

The term “micropillar” in each of the pending claims is supported in the specification at paragraphs 3-4 and 32. Claims 24-43 are also supported by canceled Claims 1-7 and 11-23, respectively. The preparation of micropillars is taught by the U.S. patents that are described in paragraphs 3-4 of the specification.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections in the Office Action. All of the claims define inventions that are patentable over all the art of record. Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would not consider the documents cited in the Office Action relevant to the presently claimed micropillars.

Applicants solicit an allowance of all claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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